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CLAMON DE SA

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1. SUMMARY: MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE CLAMON DE SA HAS ACCEPTED DATES OF FEBRRUARY 21-25 TO VISIT WASHINGTON AS PROPOSED REFTEL A. HIS REQUESTS FOR CALLS ON US OFFICIALS ON FEBRUARY 22 AND 23 ARE GIVEN BELOW. DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IS REQUESTED IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS WITH THESE OFFICIALS. PLEASE KEEP EMBASSY ADVISED AS PROGRAM TAKES SHAPE. END SUMMARY.

2. IN LETTER TO CHARGE, MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE ANGELO CALMON DE SA ACCEPTED OUR PROPOSED DATES (SEE REFTEL A) FOR VISIT TO WASHINGTON. HE PLANS TO ARRIVE ON THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 21 AND REMAIN UNTIL THE AFTERNOON OFFEBRUARY 24, WHEN HE WILL LEAVE FOR NEW YORK. IN WASHINGTON, HE FORESEES THE FOLLOWING BASIC PROGRAM WITH A PARTICULAR INTEREST IN MAINTAINING CONTACTS WITH THE OFFICIALS
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NAMED BELOW, AND DEFERRING TO WASHINGTON CONCERNING THE OFFICIALS TO SEE IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AS WELL AS IN THE CONGRESS.

3. THE REQUESTED PROGRAM AS GIVEN IN CALMON DE SA'S LETTER:

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FEBRUARY 21
10:00 A.M. - ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON

LUNCH - BRAZILIAN EMBASSY

AFTERNOON - INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK
- INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND
- INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECON-
STRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (STEEL FINANCING)

SUPPER - PRIVATE ENGAGEMENT

FEBRUARY 22

MONRING - DEPARTMENT OF STATE - SECRETARY
CYRUS R. VANCE AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY
JULIUS L. KATZ

LUNCH - FREE

AFTERNOON - DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY -
SECRETARY W. MICHAEL BLUMENTHAL
AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY C. FRED BERGSTEN

SUPPER - FREE

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FEBRUARY 23
MORNING - DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE -
SECRETARY ROBERT BERGLAND
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE -
SECRETARY JUANITA M. KREPS
- OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL TRADE
REPRESENTATIVE - THE HONORABLE
ROBERT S. STRAUSS
LUNCH - FREE

AFTERNOON - CONGRESS

SUPPER - FREE

4. THE MINISTER NOTED THAT THE SUGGESTED TIMES FOR MEETINGS COULD BE MODIFIED AT THE CONVENIENCE OF WASHINGTON OFFICIALS AND THAT FREE LUNCH AND DINNER TIMES COULD BE FILLED. HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY,ALREADY INFORMED OF THE BASIC PROGRAM, WILL PARTICIPATE, THROUGH THE BRAZILIAN EMBASSY, IN SETTING UP APPOINTMENTS WITH THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND, AND THE INTERNATIONAL

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BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT.

5. THE MINISTER CONCLUDED BY STATING THAT HE WILL WISH TO DISCUSS COFFEE, SUGAR, CACO, SOYBEANS, TRADE BARRIERS, TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, US INVESTMENT IN BRAZIL, AS WELL AS OTHER THEMES OF COMMON INTEREST.

6. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF MINISTER TOLD EMBOFF OTHER DETAILS--FLIGHT NUMBER TO WASHINGTON, LIST OF PRIVATE MEETINGS IN NEW YORK, ADDITIONAL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION IN WASHINGTON, PERSONS ACCOMPANYING, POSSIBLE COMMENTS BY PRESIDENT GEISEL IN APPROVING AGENDA AND TRIP--WILL BE FURNISHED LATER TO EMBASSY. WE WILL PROMPTLY FORWARD.

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7. ACTION: EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT TO FIRM UP THOSE APPOINTMENTS ALREADY SOUGHT (REFTEL A) AND TO SEEK THE ADDITIONAL ONES PER THE MINISTER'S LETTER. PLEASE KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED OF PROGRESS IN ARRANGING PROGRAM IN ORDER THAT WE MAY ADVISE CALMON DE SA. CRIMMINS

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